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What Is MeL?

- Michigan's digital library including
 - Millions of books, journal and magazine articles, dvds, and cds
 - Practice tests and tutorials, including the ACT
 - Best of the Web evaluated Internet sites



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- MeL supports Michigan schools/universities and students
- MeL supports Michigan workers in transition
- MeL supports Michigan's economy



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Economy

- New businesses
 - Entrepreneurs need information from MeL
 - Business plans, how to get a loan, marketing information
- Existing businesses
 - Industry data, demographic statistics, investment information, best practices



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Education

- Studies support the link between resources like MeL and increased student achievement in reading, writing, & critical thinking
- Educational materials help teachers teach to the state standards
- ACT preparation materials & practice tests



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Workers

- Resources like LearningExpress Library help people retool for new careers and support workers in their current jobs
- Also supplies SAT, and GED study material, civil service exams
- Other resources identify job growth areas, career advice



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Transitions

As Michigan moves from a manufacturing base to a knowledge base, information from MeL is critical!



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Equal Access

- MeL enriches local content
- MeL levels the playing field for communities of all sizes
- Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Home access to all resources



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Health

- MeL provides authoritative and easy to use health information for both patients and health care professionals.



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Ann

- Ann lives in a small Michigan town
- She wants to own her own business
- How does she know ...



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Ann's questions...

- What business to go into?
- How much money she'll need?
- How to approach the bank?
- What's a business plan?
- How does she incorporate?



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John



- Has just been diagnosed with diabetes
- He needs to know ...

John's questions...

- What doctors specialize in diabetes care in his area?
- How can he evaluate health information he finds on the Internet?
- How can he learn more about diabetes care?



Claire

- College Student
- She's writing papers for her undergraduate degree
- How can she find out ...



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Claire's questions...

- What is a reliable source on the Internet?
- Can she get the article right away?
- Can she borrow books from other libraries?



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Scott



- Scott has to write a report on wolverines (and it's 8 p.m. and it's due tomorrow!)



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Where to Look?

- What's the first place people look for information?
- What's wrong with that?



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- University of Michigan Digital Library with Digitization for Preservation and Access (DPA) Grant projects



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- 24 hours a day, seven days a week
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- Using MeL business databases Ann learned that coffee shops were a booming business and one she could afford to get into. Thanks to MeL Best of the Web she developed a business plan that the bank approved and got her loan.



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John

- Using MeL Best of the Web, John learned about evaluating information on health Web sites to research his illness and found a doctor in his area who specializes in diabetes care. Using MeLCat, he ordered a cookbook for people with diabetes.



Claire

- Learned that all Internet sites are not alike. She also wrote a terrific term paper on the politics of alternative fuels using MeL Databases to get full-text articles and borrowing a book through MeLCat.



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Scott



- Scott's parents were able to login to MeL Databases using a driver's license from home. Scott finished his paper and turned it in on time.



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- 2006 Best of the Web winner for State Government to Citizen category from the Center for Digital Government



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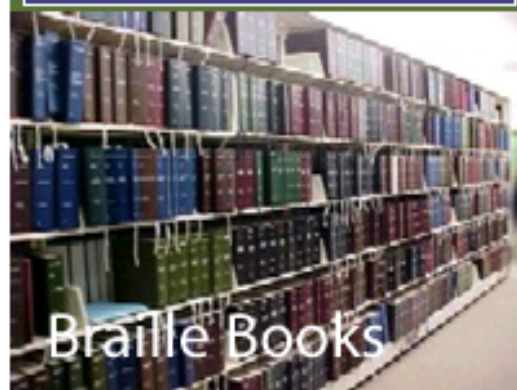
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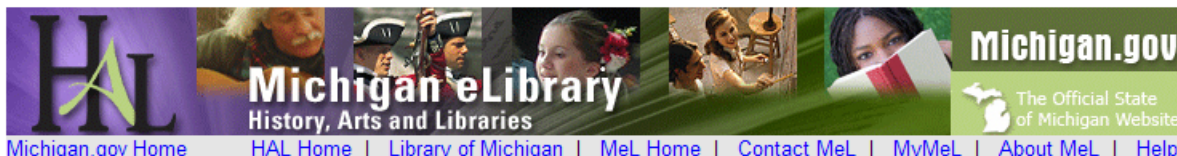
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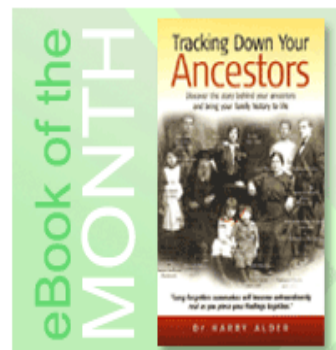
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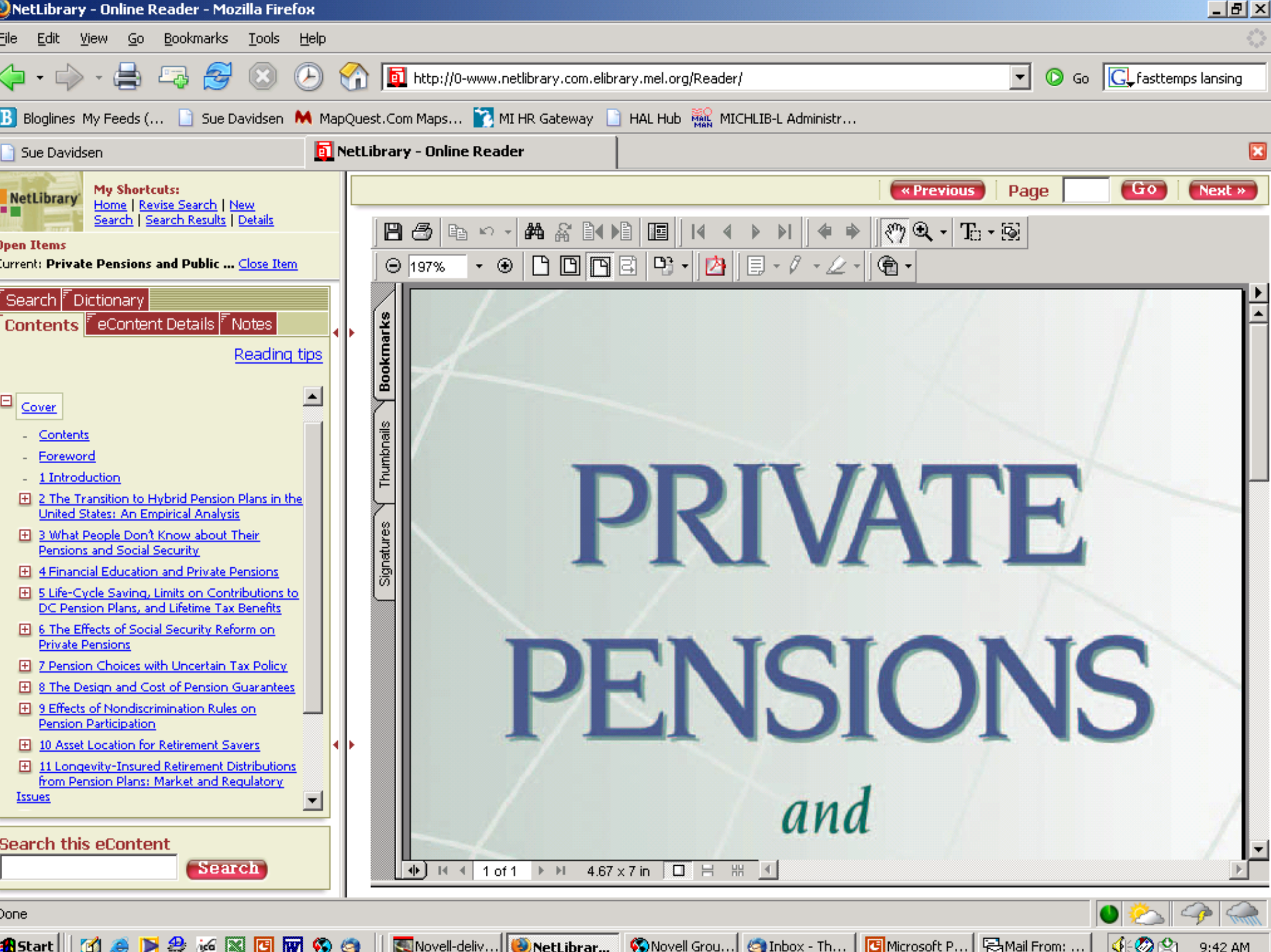
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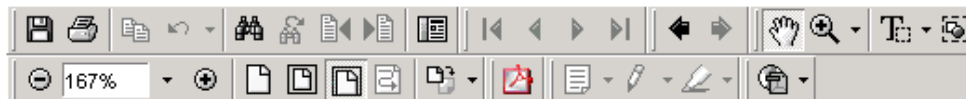
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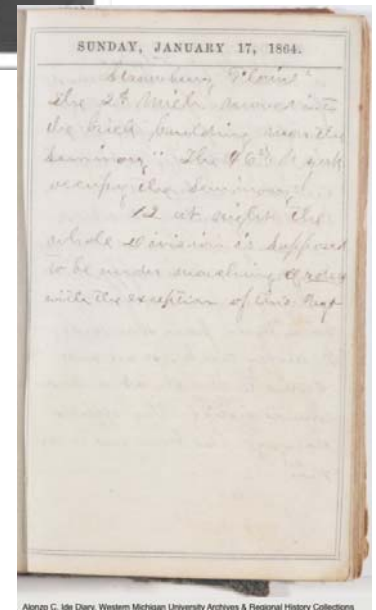
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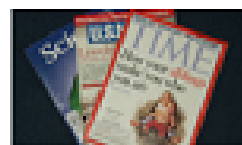
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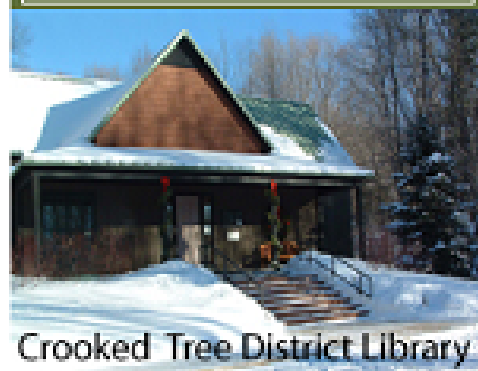
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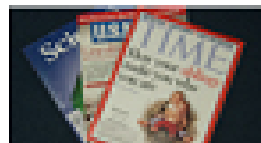
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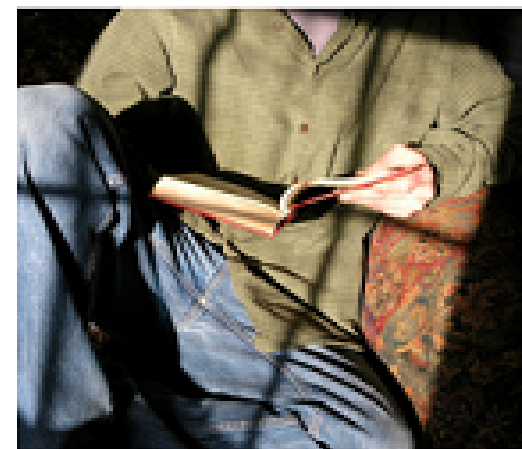


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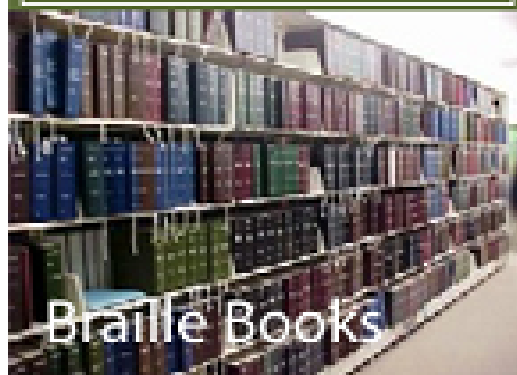
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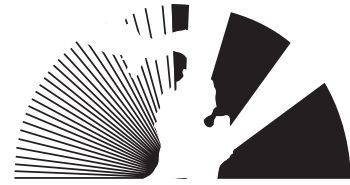
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